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**CLAIM AMENDMENTS** 

1. (Currently amended) A wheel for motor vehicles comprising a wheel hub, a

rim, and spokes by which the wheel hub and the rim are connected with one

another, wherein, in first areas connected with the wheel hub, the spokes have

solid, non-V-shaped cross-sections and, in second areas connected with the rim, the

spokes have V-shaped cross-sections.

2. (Original) The wheel according to claim 1, wherein the spokes are arranged

to correspond with openings for receiving fastening bolts which are provided in the

wheel hub.

3. (Currently amended) The wheel according to claim 1, wherein the wheel

hub has openings for receiving fastening bolts, wherein approximately cylindrical

bodies are formed on inner and outer circumferences of the wheel hub, and wherein

indentations defined by the approximately cylindrical bodies are provided between

the openings, and wherein one continuous, approximately cylindrical hollow body,

respectively, is provided on an interior side and on an exterior side of the wheel hub

openings.

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4. (Currently amended) The wheel according to claim 1, wherein the spokes

have legs, and wherein, in their second areas with the V-shaped cross-sections, the

spokes have thickenings on respective free front surfaces of the legs thereof of the

spokes.

5. (Currently amended) The wheel according to claim 1, wherein, in their

second areas with the V-shaped cross-sections, the spokes have legs and the legs

have widths which increase continuously toward the rim, and further comprising

wherein flat elements are formed in transition areas from the spokes to the rim.

6. (Currently amended) The wheel according to claim 2, wherein indentations

are provided, and wherein one continuous, approximately cylindrical hollow body,

respectively, is provided on an interior side and on an exterior side bodies defining

the indentations are formed on inner and outer circumferences of the wheel hub.

7. (Currently amended) The wheel according to claim 2, wherein the spokes

have legs, and wherein, in their second areas with the V-shaped cross-sections, the

spokes have thickenings on respective free front surfaces of the legs thereof of the

spokes.

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8. (Currently amended) The wheel according to claim 3, wherein the spokes

have legs, and wherein, in their second areas with the V-shaped cross-sections, the

spokes have thickenings on respective free front surfaces of the legs thereof of the

spokes.

9. (Currently amended) The wheel according to claim 2, wherein, in their

second areas with the V-shaped cross-sections, the spokes have legs and the legs

have widths which increase continuously toward the rim, and further comprising

wherein flat elements are formed in transition areas from the spokes to the rim.

10. (Currently amended) The wheel according to claim 3, wherein, in their

second areas with the V-shaped cross-sections, the spokes have legs and the legs

have widths which increase continuously toward the rim, and further comprising

wherein flat elements are formed in transition areas from the spokes to the rim.

11. (Currently amended) The wheel according to claim 4, wherein, in their

second areas with the V-shaped cross-sections, the spokes have legs and the legs

have widths which increase continuously toward the rim, and further comprising

wherein flat elements are formed in transition areas from the spokes to the rim.

12. (Currently amended) The wheel according to claim 6, wherein, in their

second areas with the V-shaped cross-sections, the spokes have legs and the legs

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have widths which increase continuously toward the rim, and further comprising

wherein flat elements are formed in transition areas from the spokes to the rim.

13. (Currently amended) The wheel according to claim 7, wherein, in their

second areas with the V-shaped cross-sections, the spokes have legs and the legs

have widths which increase continuously toward the rim, and further comprising

wherein flat elements are formed in transition areas from the spokes to the rim.

14. (Currently amended) The wheel according to claim 8, wherein, in their

second areas with the V-shaped cross-sections, the spokes have legs and the legs

have widths which increase continuously toward the rim, and further comprising

wherein flat elements are formed in transition areas from the spokes to the rim.

15-16. (Canceled)

17. (Previously presented) The wheel according to claim 1, wherein

transitions from the first areas to the second areas are configured such that, along

longitudinal courses of spokes from the wheel hub toward the rim, the cross-sections

change from solid to triangular to V-shaped cross-sections.